

Remarks


Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 6, 7 and 10 were rejected, claims 11-20 were allowed, and claims 2-5, 8 and 9 were objected to. By this Amendment, claims 1-5 have been amended. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 6-7 and 10 were rejected under § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,404,332 issued to Wakashiro (hereinafter "Wakashiro '332"). Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of original claim 2 which was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, amended claim 1 and its dependent claims 6-7 and 10 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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